



GOD'S LOVE

Take a Walk Around Yourself

*When you're criticizing others and are finding here and there
A fault or two to speak of, or a weakness you can
tear;
When you're blaming some one's meanness or accus-
ing some one of pelf,
It's time that you went out to take a little walk
around yourself.*

*There's a lot of human failures in the average of us
all,
And lots of grave shortcomings in the short ones and
the tall;
But when we think of evils men should lay upon the
shelves,
It's time we all went out to take a walk around our-
selves.*

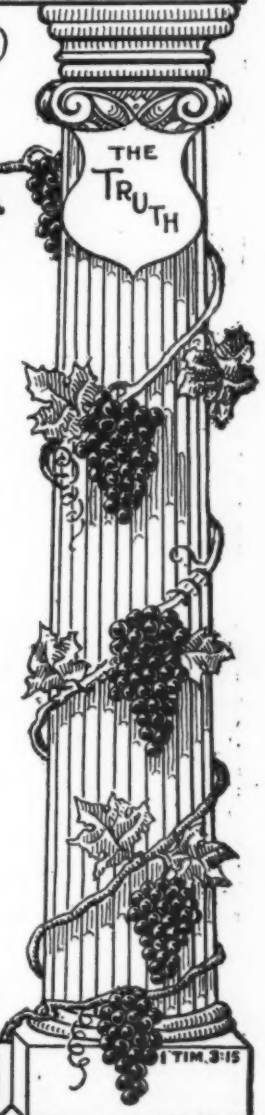
*We need so often in this life this balancing of scales,
This seeing how much in us wins and how much in
us fails;
Before you judge another—just lay him on the
shelf—
It would be a splendid plan to take a walk around
yourself.*

—Sent in by S. B. Presley, Brighton, Mo.

THE GROUND OF



“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one ac-
cord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost
and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
Acts 2:4.



Notices

If there are any of our people who have friends in Nashville and would like for us to visit them, write us giving name, address, what church they belong to, and as much information as to their spiritual condition that you can give, and what their attitude is toward holiness and the Church of God. We will do all we can for them.

Will the Brother Carter who lives somewhere in Georgia please write me the name and number of his boy who is in Tennessee state prison? I have your letter to Brother M. P. Cross asking that some of our preachers visit and baptize him. I have visited the prison and made arrangement for same as soon as I hear from you. I will do all I can for your son.—A. V. Beaubé, pastor, Church of God, 829 Meridian St., Nashville, Tenn.

I would be glad a Church of God preacher would come here and preach. We have tried for three years to get a Church of God here. My husband and I got an arbor last summer a year ago and our pastor moved so far away he quit coming. We failed to get another preacher and the members have gone to other churches. Three of our family still belong to the Church of God. Oh, how we need to pray. The devil doesn't want a Church of God here. It is twenty-one miles to the nearest Church of God. Pray that God will send a worker here.—Mrs. P. L. Henry, Tarrytown, Ga.

To the members of the Church of God at Dayton, Tenn.: You remember the church here has assessed each member \$2.00 to pay off the parsonage debt. We owe only about \$125.00 and those of you who haven't paid, please do so at once as the debt is past due. And remember to send the 10c for the aged ministers. Please let us hear from you at once. Send all money for the above mentioned funds to the pastor, H. J. Murphy. Send your tithes to Brother Grover Travis, Dayton, Tenn., Gen. Del. Let's be loyal to the teachings of the Church.—H. J. Murphy.

To all the Sunday Schools in Georgia: As the Sunday Schools no longer tithe their offerings and send to Cleveland, Brother J. P. Hughes, overseer of Georgia, has requested that each Sunday School tithe their offerings each quarter and send to me for mailing, printing, etc. All secretaries and superintendents bear this in mind.—W. H. Daniel, State S. S. Supt., 702 Roswell St., Marietta, Ga.

CORRECTION:—Some of the members of the Church of God at Bristol, Tenn., have been writing me and wanting to know why I told Brother T. A. Richard that I made a mistake by withdrawing fellowship from some members while I was pastor up there. Now just to satisfy the inquiry, I will state that I never told Brother T. A. Richard that. There must be some misunderstanding.—J. A. Tarpley.

If any one knows the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mary Kelly, please inform the Church of God clerk, Harry Early, Uniontown, Pa., Rt. 3. If not heard from by the first quarterly conference, her name will be dropped from the record. Brother Harry Early is clerk of the church at Uniontown, Pa., instead of Sister Mary Lucia.—Thos. G. Evans, pastor, Rt. 3, Box 48, Uniontown, Pa.

Notes From The General Overseer

We certainly appreciate the many Christmas cards we received and wish for every one of you ministers and friends the most prosperous new year.

Come on, let us make the coming year the best of our life. One way is to put the best of our life into it and we will surely be rewarded.

Hurry now and send in your license for renewal as the ones you now have expired December 31.

Be sure to give correct address on the back of the license and state whether or not you are pastoring a church.

It is not necessary for bishops, or exhorters to send in their certificates for renewal.

After your papers have been renewed here at Headquarters they are mailed to your respective state overseer for his signature and he will mail your license to you.

Many thanks to all those who sent in a Christmas offering to the orphans. We are expecting more offerings to be sent in even yet.

WANTED:—Man or woman minister with no dependants, to pastor church, small support, great opportunity to build. If interested, write.—J. M. Snyder, Box 483, Pittsburg, Kans.

To the pastors and Y. P. E. presidents of South Carolina, greetings. It seems that the enemy is at work on every hand

and if God's people ever did work for Him, we need to do so now, while we have day, for night cometh when no man can work. I come to you in behalf of our young people who are lost. How are we to win them? Mostly through our young people who already have the Holy Ghost. There is so much personal work to be done and they will have more influence over their sinner friends. If young people who have the Holy Ghost will walk straight it will mean everything to them and their friends. If sinners once attend your Y. P. E. and you make them feel welcome and show them the love of Jesus, they will not forget it and will soon be won for Jesus. If the pastor will co-operate with the Y. P. E. in every way, soon you will have a fine crowd of young people in your church for every service. You may not think you have enough young people in your church to have a Y. P. E., but if you have only one young person with the Holy Ghost, you can put that one at the head of the Y. P. E. and your prayers at the back of the whole thing, and with all the other saints praying, soon you will be surprised at what will be accomplished. You can have a church that is prospering for God, with a fine Y. P. E., a good choir, and young people who will help you put over anything for God. I want this year to be a better year than last year for our young people so I'm asking the pastors to organize a Y. P. E. in your church so we can carry the national banner at the Assembly next fall. I would be proud to do this. You would be proud to know you helped and Brother Johnson would be a happy overseer to know there was a Y. P. E. in every church in his state, so I'm depending on you pastors to help us do this. If I can be of any service to you at any time, please let me know.—Yours for better service, C. F. Grant, State Y. P. E. Supt., 8 Front St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

My good preacher brother, if God really speaks to you, won't you please hear His voice and move this way? First be sure you are a Church of God preacher. Don't worry about finance, there is plenty of it here if you will stay on your face until God sends it. I expect to hear from some of you who told me you felt led to come west. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few.—Awaiting your reply, I am your unworthy brother in Christ, C. E. Banks, Kansas City district overseer, 817 South 7th St., Kansas City, Kans.

All who wish to write me, address me at Saltville, Va., Rt. 2. The folks at Damascus have asked me to pastor there again this year.—Earl D. Henderson.

Resolution Day

S. W. LATIMER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city," Heb. 11:16. These words were written concerning Abraham, a man of faith.

NEW Year's Day is resolution day. It is a time when all business firms take inventory of their stock on hand; men change their places of employment, make new contracts, and, in fact, it is a general renovation in all businesses. Men's hopes are inspired and many of them have new visions of prosperity. Thus, it would be good for us as Christians to meditate, make new resolutions, that we might improve on our last year's work of love and service for the Lord.

The day should be very hallowed to an honest Christian, accompanied by vows of self-ennoblement in the fear of God, in the light of His truth and in the power of His conscious presence. New Year's resolutions under such circumstances will become a sacred altar and will carry us forward. There is an inner witness speaking of a year that is gone, together with many others, never to be recalled in this life. Whatever may have been the difficulties with which we paid off the years gone by, it will behoove us to have a deeper concern for the days to come. Days seem more valuable to us now after they have gone. Had we once more their opportunities at our disposal, we are sure we would turn them to a better account.

Again, the inner voice speaks to us urging to a deeper consecration. We think of the words of one who was supremely wise, that after we have done all we should say we are unprofitable servants. Of course we did want to feel that what we did was from pure motives and out of a heart of love for all concerned. We tried to do good and not evil. We are sure that we did win some victories over harshness, slothfulness, intemperance, curbing our too great temper, and we feel proud of these victories. We are sure that most every one has made some progress. It was the pressure of better things that prompted us in the years that are past and gone and as the brightest notes of the season peal forth and the old year is forever in the past, we can almost hear the millions of people promising God to be more loyal, to be true to our trust and have more love for those with whom we labor and move.

Although the lease on life is prolonged, and our opportunities are still granted,

we hope the new year will be carefully and prayerfully met. Truly our lives are in His hands and He doeth all things well.

WHAT WILL YE DO WITH THE FUTURE?

The future is even now lifting itself before us. If there ever was a time in our lives when our hearts should be mellow and the spirit vibrated to the fullest of life's challenge, it is now. We think of good old Hezekiah when he reached the point in his afflictions that so troubled him that he began to call on the Lord. God's messenger visited him and with a broken heart he turned his face to the wall. At this time his life was put in the balances. It was a time when life's dial was turned back. Should we be told on the fashion of Hezekiah that this was our last year's work, I imagine there would be some improvement on the remaining days. Think of the joy that came to his heart when God bade the prophet return and tell him of the lengthening of his life, the new days that were before him. So we as Christian workers have a new lease on the new year. Let us enter into this new year with stronger determination and new resolutions to further the great cause of God.

The power of an army depends upon the physical fitness of its men and so the spiritual condition of the army of God is very necessary. It is so vastly important to live above reproach and to have a good conscience toward God. The Church needs today, I am sure, a careful survey of the work before us, and the spiritual condition of her warriors is very necessary. If we reach the top lines of helpfulness, we will have to enter this year with a great determination to be unselfish and to let God use us in the place He sees best.

THE DESIRE FOR A BETTER COUNTRY

It may be said that all men have a desire for a better country. But those who, in my judgment, are included in this desire, are those of heroic faith. The true Christian's desire is to be like our Lord. Then, this must be a strong desire. Again, this must be an unselfish desire, a desire which seeks to benefit others as well as self. It is a desire that the world may enter a heavenly country and have a right to the tree of life.

How often the disappointments and trials of life are used to bring us up to

this desire of life. So the world itself with all of its sadness, its heartbreakings, its open graves, may lead us upward to the skies.

HEAVEN—WHAT IS IT

A scoffing infidel once asked a Christian if he desired to go to heaven and the Christian replied that he did. He asked him the question, "What is heaven and what does it look like? If you expect to go to that heavenly place, you should have some idea of what it will be. Then will you please tell me what kind of a place it is." "Yes," replied the Christian, "heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people and if your soul is not prepared for it, with all your boasting of wisdom you will never enter there."

How true this is and how serious we should think of these things. I wonder sometimes why it makes us so sad when we give up our loved ones. No one would think of crying when children, long absent from home, returned. Vacation morning from work jobs and school rooms is a jubilee. Death is the Christian's vacation from a life of struggle and trial and their going to the heavenly place certainly must be glorious.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne," Rev. 3:21. This verse is given by Jesus to John the Revelator and is one of the most precious promises in the Sacred Writ. There is no promise so dear to the Christian as this one and I am sure that thousands of earth's pilgrims have been inspired by its love and meaning.

The seven messages given by Jesus to John are so gloriously connected until you can hardly separate them. This promise is meant for Christians of all ages. It carries with it the thought of "he that overcometh." Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Along with our many resolutions, that no doubt will help us to achieve, I feel that these promises will be a great blessing to us who will cherish them in our hearts. I am sure that we are entering some of the greatest trials for the Christians of the last days and it will behoove us to be prayerful and determined, and as the new year affords opportunities we should enter upon them with deep meditation and more vigor and determination than ever before to be real overcomers in the Lord. Wickedness is increasing and the spirit of carelessness is abroad in the land. There have been so many in all church ages who left off to follow the Lord for service and entered into fields of selfish achievement that brought disaster and failure not only to themselves but to those among whom they labored.

I believe in government with all my

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Christmas holidays are just over and some of our workers are on a visit to their friends and loved ones out of the city. However, most of them have returned to work and it looks as though we are going to have a busy year in 1936.

All people in the Northwest, under the supervision of Paul H. Walker, wishing to order Church of God Minutes, please order direct from Paul H. Walker, Minot, N. Dak. Brother Walker has ordered an ample supply for his district.

EVANGEL

The Evangel should be in every home and we earnestly request that each state overseer put on a special drive to secure subscriptions to the Evangel. We are now figuring on a plan by which we hope to offer prizes for those who secure subscriptions to the Evangel. The announcement will be made in next issue.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We have an abundant supply of religious literature—tracts, books, wall mottoes, scripture text calendars—that we are sure would be a blessing to any home. We insist on our people patronizing the Publishing House when you need anything in this line. It will be highly appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We hope those who have not ordered literature will order it at once as the time for the reorganization of the Sunday School and the distributing of literature is almost here. Owing to the Christmas rush, some orders may not have reached their destination, but I am sure it will reach you in due time. We have made special effort this time to put out a Teacher's Quarterly and we hope all teachers in need of extra help in prepar-

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake, we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battle field, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

ing their lessons will order the Teacher's Quarterly. We would appreciate it very much if our preachers and workers everywhere would try and introduce our literature to other holiness movements.

WATCHNIGHT

Watchnight opportunities that have presented themselves to every local church was a great privilege for pastors to arouse in the church a revival of prayer. We hope this occasion has resulted in a great awakening and the advancement of a mighty spiritual revival. Unmistakably this is the most needed blessing for the Church to-day. The position of the ministers enables them to be a commanding voice to call their congregations to an awakening and lead them to the throne of grace.

This watchnight service, we trust, has been a turning point for the spiritual condition of the churches. The thousands of people who knelt at the going out of the old year witnessed a mighty awakening and quickening power of God. The early reformers put great stress on their watchnight meetings. Wesley, it was said, considered this an epochal hour in the turning of the tide for spiritual blessings to his people. Whitefield, it is said, dated a great Pentecostal outpouring from one of his watchnight meetings. The great God still lives.

We hope that from this watchnight meeting there will be witnessed a great awakening, for we face grave situations. It is revival or ruin to the people of God today, and we hope this night of prayer and resolutions will bring great results.

Every pastor should follow up this watchnight service with special emphasis on prayer. Praises, confessions, and testimonies should be urged upon our people. I candidly believe that our people are being preached to death. The pastor leads all the prayer services. If you want your church to grow, put your members to work, have something for each one of them to do every week, curtail addresses,

make them short, substitute in their place prayers, and you will have a revival. Let the service lead to a height of genuine, spiritual recoveries. Oh, for a quickening touch of God. May the living God breathe upon the thousands of people who are devoutly worshipping and longing for a deeper, spiritual touch from our heavenly Father. May your meditation be, Let us draw nigh to God that He may draw nigh to us. Waiting multitudes in spiritual helplessness are waiting on the Church. Will the Church at this crisis fail to put forth her best effort that the spiritual yearnings of these masses may be satisfied?

—O— PROPHECY

I am putting in a piece on Prophecy by Keith L. Brooks. In the main I believe this gives us the latest idea on the happenings and workings of Satan among the nations of the earth. Many are wild over the thought that Mussolini is the Antichrist. I am sure this is not correct, although he has the earmarks of the Antichrist and the revival of his Roman fascist. The war now in Ethiopia appears on the surface to be a direct fulfillment of prophecy, and I believe it is, but it looks so much like the prophecy concerning the Antichrist and his preparation and attack on the Holy Land and his efforts to overcome the 144,000 during the tribulation week, that I fear many are misled. I believe that Mussolini is a direct forerunner of the Antichrist and, no doubt, in my mind, his efforts are paving the way and getting Ethiopia ready for the Antichrist and his powers. The piece below, I feel, will be of great interest to all of our readers.

PROPHETIC LANDS LEAPED TO PROMINENCE IN 1935

Perhaps the most significant sign of the consummation of the age that has flashed from the year 1935 is the leaping into full prominence of ancient lands and cities which according to prophecy are to play a tremendous part in end-time events.

Palestine for several years has been holding the front pages of the newspapers. There is absorbing interest among European powers towards a country which but a few years ago was a minor province of the Ottoman Empire, and considered barren and uninhabitable. Before the World War, Palestine was the Holy Land, the site of sacred shrines revered by three great religions, and, withal, a somewhat effete reminder of its one-time glory whether during Israelite, Greek, Roman and Crusading days. Today the tarnished glory has been perceptibly brightened.

Says a writer in New Palestine: "Once
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Search, Eternal Life, Testify

BY A. J. BEARD

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

THE author of the above scripture was John, the beloved apostle of Jesus Christ. In the character of this distinguished man was gentleness and force. The picture the Bible gives of him glows with peace, humility, charity, brotherly love, and deep affection toward Christ. One of the outstanding events of his life was his banishment to the Isle of Patmos by Emperor Domitian. Here he was inspired by the Holy Ghost to catch the vision of more prophecy, possibly, than any other man, with the exception of Daniel. He, while under the influence of the Spirit, saw the fall, rise, and growth of empires. There is little doubt but that he saw the fierce struggle through which Luther passed in the days of the Reformation. It is possible that John sighted the tremendous influence Wesley had on a stricken and a benighted world. The vivid account he gave of the glorious millennium is indescribable to human beings. The dark and hideous clouds of war, panic, depression, and sin of the great tribulation attacked his attention also.

The meaning of the word "search" is the seeking or looking for something that is lost, or the place of which is unknown; inquiry, quest, etc. John, while speaking to the people on this occasion, gave them to understand that the Scriptures must be searched if the hidden mysteries of God were revealed. There is an old adage, "He who would search for pearls must dive below." The hidden beauties of grace are not on the surface, neither are they too deep for man to find. If one wishes to find the force and power of God, one has been commanded to search for them.

The surest search of all is prayer, that great asset and golden key that unlocks the doors that are accessible to heaven. Prayer leads man from this rugged, rocky, and rough course of life to the plains of God's truth. Prayer uttered in faith leaves this cold and indifferent world and travels at light speed to the regions of sunshine on the other side. Once there, it finds a welcome in the bosom of God, who in turn compensates man for same. To search heaven and find God, in a spirit of prayer, one is commanded to seek Him, and tarry at the altar of justice till power comes from the eternal throne. The natural world in the flesh is all that it is, and shall be, because man has

searched diligently for the undiscovered truths.

We owe Columbus, more or less, for this land of religious toleration and general freedom, because he searched for a near route to India and found America. To think of what this discovery and search have and shall mean to the world spiritually, financially, and economically, is to draw on our weak imagination deeply.

The writer searched the confines of God for seven days and nights continually before he found the secret passage that leads to the beautiful home across the spiritual sea.

After the conversion of Paul, he retired to the fastness of Arabia, the land of solitude and adventure. Here he searched heaven in prayer, meditation and study for three years. When he emerged from this confinement, he knew more or as much about the Church of God as any living man. Paul, it is said, traveled and searched over an area of twenty-five thousand miles, in his missionary journeys. The search of this eminent character has been the means of millions of souls being born of the Spirit. When mortal man has been changed into immortality, Paul, the orator, scholar, student, and ambassador of God, will stand out in glory as a star in the firmament.

Moses, the statesman, poet, priest, and friend of God, spent forty years in Midian, searching the hills, deserts, and ravines of solitude in preparation to lead the children of Israel to the land of milk and honey. Moses searched heaven in prayer on the historical and ancient sweeps of Sinia, trying to get in communication with God. This search gave the world Ten Commandments, the Law of laws. Wherever civilization has chanced to invade, these laws from weather-beaten Sinia have, in thundering tones, awakened the ambition, talent, energy, and intelligence of man. The true significance of this search will be told by Moses around the flashing throne of God in the great world to come.

The great German, Luther, paid a visit to Rome. Upon arriving there he found wicked practices in his mother church. This find led him more or less to the retirement of monastic life for several months. After his emergence from this retirement, he gave to the world a New Testament written in the German language. This search of the Scriptures did not only shake the foundations of the Roman church from center to circumfer-

ence, it awakened the spiritual lethargy of all Europe. Great and glorious revivals swept the nations like fire on prairies. When the call of the resurrection has been made, the search of this great man will testify to the spiritual freedom of missions. The gold of a thousand hills, the silver of the world, the diamonds of the valley, and the metals of all varieties have been found after much searching. If the Word of God is to be felt, seen, and enjoyed, one must search for the pearls of price. Let us search the Scriptures.

After much truthful searching, John declared that there was an eternal life to be enjoyed. Eternal life signifies that unending and blissful life just across the river where angels shout and where sunshine graces the landscape. Diligent search of God's Word and the acceptance of the blood shed on Calvary, promise an eternal life. Eternal life will place one in the company of immortals like Paul, Stephen, Jeremiah, and thousands of others who searched, sought, and accepted the Word. Eternal life points out happiness, comfort, and love in contrast to future punishment of those who pass over the fiery tracks of trouble. In this clime, one will be in company with characters like Nero, Judas, Alexander the Great, and countless numbers of wicked spirits. God help us to obtain eternal life and be in the presence of Him who said, "Peace on earth and good will toward men." Eternal life has promised the victors a refuge from the storm, a hiding place from the tempest, a haven of rest, and last but not least, a home with God and the angelic host of heaven—the land that has no storms.

The writer of our text, John, made mention of the Scriptures as being a testimony of God. A testimony is a declaration or affirmation made for the purpose of establishing or proving a fact. When Dwight L. Moody was passing away he said in a testimony, "The earth is receding, heaven is approaching, God is calling me." The Word of God was his testimony. In the judgments, the Word of God will testify for or against all individuals and nations. It is said that while John Huss was burning at the stake he gave this testimony, "You have lit a fire in Germany today that shall never be extinguished." This testimony was prophetic and was drawn from Calvary to bless the generations yet ahead.

The Word of God is and shall be the greatest declaration of truth for the world. The testimony of all courts of the ancient, modern, and present age will fade, die and be lost upon the sea of time, but in contrast, the testing of God's Word will live as long as grass

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Mysteries of the Bible that are Realities

D. G. PHILLIPS

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We have been dealing with some very important subjects known as "Mysteries." We found, first, that the new birth was a mystery, but the Bible proves it to be a reality. Going a little further we found the experience of sanctification to be a mystery, but the Bible proves it a reality. Continuing in the search we learned that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was a mystery, but the Bible proves it to be a reality. In our study of the Word of God we have discovered another and we will endeavor to find if the Bible will prove this to be a reality. I'm going to be as fair in writing this as I want you to be in reading it.

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:32. In the study of the Bible we find many things that are types or shadows, then we have people who make types and shadows (where there are none). Some tell us that Noah's ark was a type of the Church because it had three stories, and that is in harmony with the three experiences of salvation. I am going to leave that up to you, while I will say it was an enclosure and a protection for God's people in the day of God's visitation and if I know anything about my Bible that is what God's Church will be in the day of His visitation.

Then we have the temple that Solomon built, and some will say that was the Church in the wilderness. The meaning of "church" is "Ekklesia," called out, elect or select. But nowhere in the Old Bible was the word "church" mentioned, even about any gathering or assembly of people. Why? Because there was no CHURCH. But what are we going to do with Acts 7:38? "This is he that was in the church in the wilderness." The word "church" here is used in the same sense as "congregation," currently applied to the assembled people of Israel in their wilderness life.

David in speaking of God's called out, select, or elect, called it "ZION." Isaiah used the same word in his inspiring message when he said, "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name," Isa. 62:2, and when the Lord named it He called it THE CHURCH OF GOD. Many other prophets used the same term "Zion," but nowhere did they ever say church but Jesus said, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell

shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:18. If the Church had existed before, why does He throw a cloud over us by saying, "I will build my church"? "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, take with thee one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican," Matt. 18:15-17. Here is where Jesus is giving us the government of the Church. These are the only two places where Jesus mentions the Church, one where He said, "I will build my church," the other the government of it. Since He said, "I will build my church," we want to see what kind of material He used in the building. Taking a look into the seventeenth chapter of John we see him gathering His "called out," "EKKLESIA." In the third verse He prayed that they might know Him and His Father. V. 6, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." What kind of folks were these? You must agree they were His folks, born-again folks. But no church is mentioned. V. 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth for thy word is truth." He gave them the blessing at Bethany. Luke 24:50. Still nothing is said about the Church, but when they went to Jerusalem and received the Holy Ghost then we hear words like these, "And the Lord ADDED to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47.

Since the word "church" is not mentioned in the Old Testament, we will have to get all of our information from the New Testament, and in order to do that we will have to start with the first preacher, John the Baptist. In the eleventh chapter of Matthew Jesus describes him as being the greatest man ever born of woman, that from his day the kingdom of heaven is preached and every man presseth into it, or in our language, from his day until now men and women have had a born-again experience. They could find the kingdom but they could not find the Church. John in all of his ministry never mentions the Church, but his converts were born again. Thousands of them forsook, confessed, made right, followed Him to the Jordan and were bap-

tized and never heard of the Church.

Jesus came on the scene, spent three years in His ministry, had converts by the scores, and never one time told them they were in the Church. He sent His seventy forth with power to heal, power to cast out devils, and they returned with great joy because devils were subject to them, but He said, "Rejoice not because the devils are subject to you but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Did He tell them they were in the Church? No. Why? Because it had not been built.

Peter, that man that was always ready to witness for the Lord, always had an answer, spent all of his ministry healing sick folks, and setting men right on Bible lines, stood much persecution, but never knew a thing about the Church until he went to Jerusalem and received the Holy Ghost, then he was the first to announce the existence of the church, Praise God for the truth.

Space will not permit me to call to notice many others with like practices and experiences who knew nothing about the Church until after the day of Pentecost, but let me say just now, You had as well come out of your corner and face the issue. "WE ARE NOT BORN INTO THE CHURCH." You do not have one scripture to verify your erroneous doctrine. "But," you say, "all that are in Christ are in the Church." Let me answer by saying, Christ is not the church, He is the Head of the Church.

Since Jesus said, "I will build my church," and we find that He did, and Isaiah said the mouth of the Lord would name it, I believe we have a right to find the name. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed THE CHURCH OF GOD which he hath purchased with his own blood," Acts 20:28. This plainly shows that men have the oversight of the church here. It would be hard to have the oversight of something that is INVISIBLE. "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the CHURCH OF GOD?" 1 Tim. 3:5. "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church," Eph. 5:32.

The marriage relation is a union of the parties involved, united by God through the one performing the ceremony, and it implies the mutual affection and the common interest and consent of both parties. The writer here in showing how we become affiliated with the Church, chooses this most easily understood scripture to unfold the MYSTERY. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be J-O-I-N-E-D unto

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Requests

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body as I am trusting in the Lord for healing, that I may be able to better serve Him.—Ruth Hamby, Peavine Rt., Crossville, Tenn.

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Dear saints, pray earnestly for the healing of my body. He has healed me many times and I thank Him for it. Pray for my husband, that we will stand true to the Lord. Pray for the church and pastor here, Brother Cashatt.—A sister under the blood, Thelma Hanna, St. Stephens, S. C.

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Pray for the church at Fairview of St. George and for our Y. P. E., that we will rise and shine for Jesus. It has been so long since any one has been saved here and we do want to see souls saved. Please pray earnestly that God will remove the hindering cause and send us a revival. We are having a hard battle but God is able. Pray that He will have His way and the little band here will be bound together in love from on high. We have a nice crowd of young people and they are willing and ready to work but so many are unsaved. If ever a church needed your prayers, we surely do. Pray that God will send us a pastor, one that is not afraid to face the foe and will not give up the battle until victory is won. Pray that the brothers and sisters here will do their duty in supporting a pastor. Pray for my family, that the unsaved will be saved and those saved will stand true until Jesus comes. Pray that I will be a friend to my neighbors, a real mother to my children, and a true follower of Jesus. Pray for my stepson who has backslidden, that God will bring him back to the fold before it is too late.—Dolly M. Nine.

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Saints, pray earnestly for the healing of Sister Rosa Lee Russum. She has a goiter on her neck. Also pray for Sister Effie Stewart's baby.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. D. C. Wheeler, Clarkesville, Ga.

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Please pray for me and my family. I have children who are unsaved. Pray that God will save them and help us to live closer to Him each day. Pray that God will give me good eyesight so I can read His Word and the Evangel. Pray that I will obey Him. I praise Him for the Holy Ghost and His strength.—A sister, Mrs. P. L. Henry.

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Please pray a special prayer for us, My husband got his leg broken in an automo-

bile accident and has been suffering very much. We need your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. L. Dorman, Box 2264 Roanoke, Va.

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I ask every child of God to pray a special prayer for me and my family. I have a severe pain in my right lung but I know God can heal. Also pray for my little boy who has been very sick.—Inez E. Foy, Gilbert, La.

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Will you pray for me and my mother? We are in much pain and affliction. Hold us up in prayer that we may stay humble at Jesus' feet and overcome the temptations we have.—G. Fauber, 22nd St. and Kentucky Ave., Owens, W. Va.

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I ask special prayer for me. Pray that I will be healed. I have been sick for four months and need your prayers. I have lung trouble and am run down. I am a member of the Church of God. Pray that my husband will get closer to God, also for my loved ones who don't know God. If you feel led, write me.—Bertha Hampton, Star Route 2, Broadhead, Ky.

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I ask the Church of God to forgive me for backsliding and pray that I will be restored.—Clifton Brighurst, Tarrytown, Ga.

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Please ask Jesus to heal me. He knows my trouble and can heal. I would appreciate any one fasting and praying for me. I thank Him for salvation.—Haskell Compton, Kistler, W. Va.

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Pray for our entire family to be healed of a breaking out which we have had for six months. We are young in the way and want to trust God for all. We would appreciate letters of advice. We have five children and surely need your prayers.—Ruby Smith, Gibson, Ga.

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I thank the Lord for salvation and for His healing power. Pray for our church and pastor, Brother D. K. Murphy, at Big Island, Mo. Pray for our home, that it will be peaceful and happy. I am the only Christian in the home and have many trials. Pray for the unsaved people here. Mrs. Nancy Hedge, Rt. 1, Box 23, Qulin, Mo.

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Dear readers, pray for this place. It is a new place for the Church of God. I am holding service once a week in homes. Pray that God will give us a building so we can start a Sunday School, and that we will be able to set a church in order here.—Wiley E. Wright, Rt. 3, Chandler, Okla.

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Church of God members and Evangel

readers everywhere, please pray a special prayer for our daughter Opal who has had a serious spell of sickness that has left her feeble-minded. Pray that the Lord will give her back the right use of her mind.—Sincerely, George E. Bailey and wife, Newport, Tenn.

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Dear saints, please pray for the healing of Sister Goldie Mucklow's body. The doctors have said she cannot get well, but God is able when men fail.—A friend, East Bank, W. Va.

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I am in a revival at Morgantown, Ky., and this is a new field, but the Lord has begun to bless us. I want the saints everywhere to pray for the success of the revival and that we can get a new Church of God at Morgantown.—Carl A. Stanley, district overseer of the Western Kentucky district.

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Please pray for a dear soul who is unsaved and wants to be saved. She had T. B. and I told her about my own case, how I was healed of the same disease over seven years ago after my home doctor had told me that six months was all I could live if I did not go to Mt. Vernon Hospital. After I told her about Jesus and that He was willing and ready to heal her if she would only believe, she asked me to anoint and pray for her, which we did, and Jesus touched her right then. Her temperature which was over 103 went down to one-fifth of a degree to normal and she began to gain in weight, one pound a week. Also the sputum test came back negative. But now the old devil is working so they took her to St. Joseph for X-ray pictures. This is only to undermine or destroy her faith. Also the county court meets in January and some are going to try to send her to Mt. Vernon Hospital. She does not want to go but wants to trust Jesus. She told us she wanted prayer, so pray that it will be blocked as the precious soul is healed and all that is wrong now is she is sinsick and needs her soul to be saved and healed as well as the body needed healing. Pray for wife and me.—Your brother in Christ, Alfred Hoskins, Altamont, Mo.

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Dear readers, pray for the revival that we are conducting for Brother George Lemons at Ft. Myers church. It has started off good. Three were saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost last night, the first Sunday of the revival. Those wanting my services for revivals, write me here or in care of Virgil Combs, Wimauma, Fla. My slate is open for one revival till our state camp meeting in June.—Yours with victory for God and His Church, Evangelist W. L. Brown.

Death Notices

MURPHY

Little Winneford June Murphy, the four-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister J. B. Murphy, died Dec. 8, 1935. Funeral services were conducted by Starling Smith and interment made in the Williamsburg cemetery.—Her cousin, Sallie Smith, Williamsburg, Ky.

SHAW

Edward Garfield Shaw of Partoge, P. E. I., Canada, died Oct. 26, 1935, at the age of twenty-six years, ten months, and twenty-six days. The funeral was conducted by Chester Glenn.—The family.

PRATHER

Joel Doil, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Prather, died Dec. 1, 1935, at the age of about fourteen months. The funeral was conducted by Brother Beasley, our pastor.—Fannie Ruff, Mobeetie, Tex.

WHITE

Sister White, wife of Brother Clayton W. White, died Aug. 14, 1935, at the age of forty years. She united with the Church of God in 1927 and was set forth as a minister. She served faithfully as long as her health permitted her. She was loyal to the Church of God. Her suffering was intense and seemed almost unbearable at times during the last eleven months. You could hear her praising God and the sweet Holy Ghost witnessing even when she could not speak above a whisper. When death seemed near her admonition to those who visited her room was to hold on to the Lord and stand true because this salvation will do to die by. We cannot weep as those who have no hope.

Surviving Sister White are her husband, mother, one daughter, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by C. H. Shaw and interment made in Mt. Zion cemetery, Skyland, N. C.—One who loved her, Mrs. C. H. Shaw.

ELLIS

Sister Alberta Ellis died Nov. 23, 1935, at the age of sixty-eight years. Funeral services were conducted by Brother D. P. McDonald, her pastor. Interment was made in the Caryville cemetery.—Clerk at Bonifay church, Bonifay, Fla.

EAGLE

Emmanuel H. Eagle died Nov. 8, 1935. He was nineteen years, eleven months, and twenty-eight days of age. He was the son of Evangelist James H. Eagle, our North Dakota Indian preacher.

He was attending school at Santee, Neb. The enrollment there was seventy-five. The superintendent said he was the most upright of all.

Emmanuel was converted at an early age and never forgot his Savior.—M. L. Lowe.

STATE PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Kentucky has never had a state preachers' meeting, but we have noticed that the Lord has been blessing other states in putting on these meetings and we desire to share such blessings with you. We have several items of interest to discuss in regards to our state work and therefore all ministers in the state are urged to be present. This meeting will convene at Lynch, Ky., January 24th and continue until the 26th. J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, will be present and we are inviting our Editor and Publisher, Brother S. W. Latimer, and hope that he can get off and be with us. There will possibly be other ministers present from our neighboring states.

The pastor, S. B. McCane, and the good people at Lynch have promised free entertainment to all preachers. Our work has grown so large that it is about impossible to offer free entertainment to all the laity in such a meeting, therefore, those who are not ministers will be expected to take care of themselves as the Lynch people will have all they can do to take care of the preachers. Please don't wait until Saturday night to come as Saturday will be given to business discussions and you need to be present Friday night.—Yours for better government and systematic work in the Church of God, John C. Jernigan, overseer, Somerset, Ky.

REQUESTS

Dear brothers and sisters, we are requesting prayer for a revival at Central, S. C. The devil has tried hard to destroy the work here, but I know God is able to deliver. Pray that the work here will be built up and that God may get the praise, honor and glory.—Henry Brewer, pastor, 20 Sirrine St., Seneca, S. C.

I have an unspoken request for prayer. I desire prayer of all praying people as I am sure God will answer the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous.—A sister seeking a closer walk with God, Mrs. J. E. Austin, Rt. C, Box 44, Albany, Ga.

Dear friends, pray for me to be healed and have more faith and power to overcome the tests and trials of this life. Please pray earnestly for God to save every one of my unsaved children. It seems that I can't bear to see them going on in

sin and darkness. Dear saints, pray for God to save them and that He will supply our needs. Pray that I will be able to bear my cross with patience and meet my son Luther in heaven. I would appreciate encouraging letters.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. N. A. Corley, Rt. 2, Midland City, Ala.

We earnestly ask the prayers of God's children for our revival with Sister Pernie Bradley doing the preaching. Pray that it will be a success as there are hungry souls here looking for something that will carry them to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.—Sincerely your brother in His service, W. W. Smethers, pastor, Edinburg, Tex.

I've been sick with a lump on my throat over a week and it hurts me to swallow, I think it is a cancer. I am begging special prayer at once. My nerves are very bad from worry and uneasiness of my condition.—George C. Haston, Doyle, Tenn.

Please pray for the revival at Hendric, Ala., with the writer in charge. Pray that many souls will find the Lord. We are in the evangelistic work and open for calls for revivals, so if you want our services, drop me a card and wife and I will come, D. V. Pray for us.—Evangelist G. L. Stone, Rt. 3, Oneonta, Ala., c/o J. C. Allred.

I praise God for healing me when two doctors had given me up. I am up and going now so please pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost so I can be a help to my husband who has three churches to care for. Pray that God will make a way for me to get to go to church. We don't live near either of the three churches and I don't get to go every time. Pray that He will continue to bless my companion and give us souls. We need your prayers.—Mrs. G. F. Crank, Box 263, Beaver Dam, Ky.

Evangel readers, please remember dear old Brother and Sister Pratt. They are almost helpless and have no home. They live at 1011 10th St., Etowah, Tenn. Pray for them.—A friend.

NOTICE

Any correspondence or remittance concerning The Lighted Pathway should be sent direct to Alda B. Harrison, Editor of The Lighted Pathway, Cleveland, Tennessee. Make all checks or money orders payable to The Lighted Pathway.—Thanking you, we are yours for The Church of God, Gen. Sec. and Treas.

Echoes from the West Texas Ministers' Conference

On Nov. 18th the West Texas ministers' conference convened at the Electra church. The Lord wonderfully blessed. We were favored with good weather and workers from the various parts of the state. It seemed that every one had a greater zeal to work for God and His Church this coming year than ever before. The day services were given to discussing different problems of the church, locally and general.

We regretted very much to give up our former overseer, R. P. Johnson, but the Lord knows where He can use His servants best. I will say to the South Carolina folks, you are very fortunate to have Brother Johnson with you as overseer and I am sure the work will progress under his able ministry. Brother Johnson did a good work in Texas but as the Lord saw fit to move him on the other fields of labor, he also said to us people over here in Texas, "I will not leave you alone," and sure enough He did not. As far as we were concerned, we were just leaving it up to the Lord to send us the overseer that we needed, and truly we believe He did. The Lord knowing our problems in the West, that it is largely a pioneer work, He just sent us a real pioneer for an overseer in the person of Bro. T. S. Payne. God bless his dear heart. He has stood for the cause through thick and thin.

This may seem a little out of order but pardon me if it is, we don't want to keep all our flowers until after a man is dead. We just want to thank the Lord for the faithful old veterans of the Church who have borne the burdens and labored thru the heat of the day. Oh, praise the Lord! There is something in my soul just now that this pen cannot describe. While tears of joy flow down my cheeks, there is a hallelujah in my soul. Surely the Lord is in this place. It seems that I can hear something say to my soul this morning, "Just be faithful a little while longer." It won't be much longer, dear hearts, until the Householder will have the servant call the laborers in from the field and will issue them their reward, even from the last to the first.

We thank the Lord for Brother Payne. He is a father and pal to us Westerners. We want to make an appeal just here to our Texas preachers and laity as well, let's rally to the front with every program of the Church. Space will not permit us here to outline everything that was passed in the ministers' council but each church will receive a reminder soon that they may know what they are expected to do, and let me suggest that as soon as possible, let's get to work on these

plans and get them off our hands. Then if our overseer comes to visit us and preaches on loyalty, we can shout.

Besides our business meetings during the council, we had some wonderful soul-stirring messages in the evening services. The first night Brother Payne brought a message on "What Will You Do?" It certainly was good as he spoke of what had been done, what was being done and the possibilities and opportunities for great things to be done. We are the laborers, what are we going to do about it? Come on, preachers, let's do more this year than ever before.

On the evening of Nov. 19th Brother Roy E. Blackwood, pastor of the Ft. Worth church, was the speaker, and say, that little fellow can preach. A live wire, did you say? He certainly is! Come on, Brother Roy, that is the way we Westerners like it. That good, old southern fire; the Word said He would make His ministers a flaming fire.

We thank God for Brother Blackwood being with us this year. We have several other new ministers with us in Texas also. Now just make yourself at home in the good old lone star state. You can live on the plains or the mountains or down where the sea breezes blow. It is the great big State of Texas, the best and only place that we know. We notice sometimes in the Evangel, some preachers wanting places to run revivals. Now we have lots of room in Texas, we haven't any feathered nests, but if you have the fire of God and the "Go ye" in your soul, we will furnish you the gold and diamonds, but it is all in the rough and needs digging out and polishing. Oh! our zeal is running high but we cannot accomplish too much without co-operation. Let's all join in and have a mind to work. Think how long the walls lay waste. Many individuals at different times had a great zeal to rebuild but were hindered, though the time came when Israel so travailed that they were willing to co-operate with the leader, and in fifty-two days the work was accomplished. Now Church of God folks in Texas, our overseer has undertaken a great work, has a great zeal for God and the progress of the Church. We know that Sanballat and Tobiah, the Ammonites and Ashdodites, though they don't believe alike, they will compromise and join in together to hinder the progress of the Church.

Just stay on the job, boys, you are doing a good work. You can't afford to come down. The leader, overseer, is behind; the helpers, laity, is beside us; the sword, Word, is at our right hand. God is before us, and oh glory, there is something in my soul right now telling me that the devil is on the run. Praise God! We are scattered far apart in Texas. Thine work may be in the Rio Grande

Valley and we are here in Electra, in the extreme northern part of the state, if the devil makes a break, you just sound the alarm, God will fight our battles. Just keep on laying stones in the building. Be sure to lay them in well tempered mortar. The devil said the wall would not stand, but the strength and durability of our work depends on the temper of the mortar. A good stone might be knocked out if it is not set in right.

Our ministers' conference closed on the night of November the 20th, Brother Payne being the speaker for that evening. He gave a message on "Prophecy" which was enjoyed by all. Then came the sad part of the meeting, handshakes and good-byes, but truly, I believe all left with a mind to work. Please pray for us over here at Electra.—Yours for the progress of the Church, J. T. Campbell, pastor.

Receives Many Blessings

Booneville, Miss.—Greetings to the saints of God everywhere. I praise the Lord for His goodness to me and my family, for all His good blessings. I am glad of His love and mercy He has for us when we are so unworthy. About fifteen years ago He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the good Holy Ghost and He still abides today. Praise His sweet name!

I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed in our home so many times. The dear Lord instantly healed my little boy of the mumps. He also healed my baby of whooping cough.

Our church is in a run-down condition. I humbly desire the prayers of all saints for the upbuilding of the Church of God at Booneville. I surely love The Church of God. Please pray for me to be an overcomer. Pray for my family that they will do the Lord's will.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Gibbie Mize.

A Glorious Time

YORK, Pa.—The Church of God at East York, Pa., had an all-day meeting Thanksgiving. Though it rained almost all day, we had a glorious time. The saints came and we enjoyed the wonderful songs and special music, and the wonderful messages which were timely. There were delegates present from Reading, Harrisburg, High Spire, Reamstown, Lancaster and Carlisle. Eleven ministers were present. We had a wonderful time rejoicing in the Lord. We were just like one big family. Praise our dear Savior who has made us as one body. Please pray for our church at East York and the Church in general.—Sister Estella S. Becker, 746 E. Edison St.

MISSIONS

Christmas in China

It was Christmas for us in Wanshien, Szechwan, China, but it meant nothing to the Chinese. For them it was the same old routine in the homes and streets as it had been for hundreds of years. So we were to bring that matchless touch of Christmas to them for the first time.

Early in the morning Arthur and I went outside the gate of our compound that surrounded our Chinese house and chapel, and he blew his cornet and played the sweet carols which broke through and changed the heathenish atmosphere. The Chinese heard for a long distance and came eagerly from all around to hear and see. We were ready for them and did all in our power with what little bit of Chinese we had command of, to bring them that sweet Christmas story of the Christ Child of long ago. Glory to His matchless name, the adorable Son of God!

With song and story, and pictures of the Babe, the wise men, and the shepherds, we did our best with that matchless love of Jesus thrilling our souls. We told them of Him, the blessed Bridegroom and Lover of our souls, living, real, adorable, sweet and precious today. How eagerly they drank that message. How their black eyes sparkled and a light and glow filled their dark, sad faces and changed their empty, vain lives. To young and old, children and gray-haired ones, freely, gladly, willingly, lovingly, and eagerly God gave His Son, our first grand Divine Christmas Gift.

My Lord! My God! Could mortal man be lifted to such a height of rapture and joy, to be used as a channel for such a divine message of love to flow through?

It was the most wonderful Christmas we ever had—beyond all our dreams and any stories we had read; beyond any beautiful Christmas gifts we had ever received; more delicious than any savory American Christmas dinner; far beyond any theatrical performance of famous stars; sweeter far than any beautiful, grand opera singer we have ever heard; more heavenly than any of your sweet, mocking birds of the South. Yes, to tell of His matchless love satisfies the soul of man beyond any pleasure this world could hold. That was our Christmas gift the heavenly Father handed down to us.

We had trimmed the chapel with feathery green bamboo and in the front we hung one white paper star. Later they heard a sermon preached and then the

missionaries gave the children oranges and peanuts, the little Chinese ladies cakes and tea in one room, and the men the same in another room.

Now may the Lord give you all some fresh, sweet revelation of Himself and use you to bring His undying, unselfish love to multitudes of carelessly drifting, pleasure loving, godless Americans.—One who has seen His star and worships Him, Minerva Belle Moss, Rt. 1, Stanwood, Mich.

Still Fighting For My King

Praise the Lord, I am still saved, sanctified, and the Holy Ghost abides. I am still on the battle field fighting for my soon-coming King. The Antichrist spirit is here but I am looking to the hill from whence cometh my help. We had a church building here but the hurricane destroyed it and for three years we have had no crops. The children of God are suffering a great deal. We had forty-three members filled with the Holy Ghost but all have turned back except twelve and they are determined to endure the hardships. The devil makes them believe that holiness and the Church of God is not right, but down in my soul I know she will stand forever. She is the pillar and ground of the truth. Praise the Lord!

We don't have a place here but we rent a small place which holds about twenty persons. The rent is not much but we need help. We could get a larger place but we had it rented once and had to give it up because we owed \$10.00. The owner told me if I would pay up this rent he would give me the place again for ten months, at a dollar a month. I have started a Sunday School and am praying that the Lord will make a way for us. I came over here from Miami in 1922. I am here among strangers to the Word of God. I desire the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will make a way for me. Also pray for Brother Frith. He is not able to get around.—Martha Frith, evangelist of the Church of God, Grand Turk, Turk Islands.

Power of God Swept Over Congregation

NEWPORT, Tenn.—A wonderful revival has just closed at Mt. Vale Church of God with our pastor, Brother H. C. Peek, in charge. Two were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and our church wonderfully revived. The

power of God swept over the congregation and the people rejoiced under the quickening power of God. When you read this pray a special prayer for our church in Newport. We have twelve members and a good Sunday School. We have secured an old brick building to worship in but we need a church. We have a nice lot to build on but need more workers. We love our pastor, he is loyal to the church. Brother Peek is doing a good work here.—A sister.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

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The Evangel, a weekly publication, is the official organ of the Church of God.

"Evangel," according to Webster, is "good news," and truly The Church of God Evangel has not failed once to merit its name. "Books are our friends," especially good ones. When in sorrow the Evangel is a comforting friend. When discouraged it is uplifting. It contains nourishing food for our souls, milk for babes, meat for adults.

It is a medium of correspondence. Have you a request for prayer? or do you wish to hear from an old friend whom you have not seen for years? Make your wishes known through the Evangel.

Does it not thrill your inward being to hear of the good the missionaries (both home and foreign), by the grace of God, are doing? the hardships they are enduring? the storms they are facing, but now the Unseen Hand guides them safely thru and gives them souls for their hire?

Aren't you interested in the neighboring churches? Wouldn't you like to know what they are doing for God?

What about the young men and women in Bible School? Do they not tell us through the Evangel of the blessings God is showering upon them, and of the great influence and inspiration received from their God-fearing teachers?

Above all things, the Evangel reveals in numerous ways the beautiful story of Jesus and His love.

Is not all this good news? But how can you enjoy the company of this great friend if you don't take it into your home and in the quietness of your room meditate on it at least fifteen minutes a day? A dollar or a dollar and twenty-five cents is a lot of money to most of us but perhaps we can make a little sacrifice to obtain this wonderful paper for which we will be greatly rewarded.

May God bless you is the wish of a lover of books and a booster of the Evangel.

Bible School Echoes

Senior Class Presents Play

The Senior Class presented a play, the title of which was "A Remarkable Incident," in the local Church of God Auditorium, Friday night, Dec. 13th.

The book is printed by the Church of God Publishing House. Though it is not published in drama form, it has been dramatized and successfully presented by the Senior Class.

The cast was as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold:—Albert Childers and Juanita Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves:—Willie T. Welch and Ellen Brown.

Rev. Dr. Lackey, "The Pastor,"—T. C. Franklin.

Holiness Preacher:—Woodrow C. Byrd.

Albert Graves:—George H. Poteat, with Louis Cross as double.

Walter Arnold:—Hoyle Case, with Z. C. Tharp, Jr., as double.

Sheriff:—D. B. Hatfield.

Mary and Ruth Arnold:—Erma Reid and Dorothy Dunn.

"Uncle John":—Lowell McCoy.

Sponsor:—Miss Iredell Walker.

A large audience was present to enjoy the presentation of one of the most interesting and touching plays that has ever been presented. The play was a success, and we feel confident that it will prove a blessing to all who were present. Many expressed themselves as being well pleased with the play, and we have received invitations from other ministers to stage it in their churches. We hope to carry it other places in the future, and we request the prayers of Christians everywhere that it will be a success and prove a blessing to many souls.—Willie T. Welch, Reporter.

Glad To Be in B. T. S.

Dear Evangel readers, I thank the Lord because I am saved; sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and for the privilege of attending Bible School. B. T. S. is one of the best places in the world, it is the best school I ever attended. I am glad to be in B. T. S. where we can study God's Word and feel the presence of the Lord so near us.—A booster of B. T. S., Auburn Brown, Granville, Tenn.

Thank God for B. T. S.

I thank God this morning for the privilege of attending B. T. S. It is wonderful

to be here to study God's good Word and enjoy the wonderful blessings sent down from God on high.

I thank the precious people of Mississippi for the liberal way in which they contributed to my coming to school. I mean to make the best use of every hour spent here. I ask every one to pray for me that I will be that that God would have me be.—A brother in Christ, Clyde Gardner, Union, Miss.

Ranger, Tex., Dist. Sunday School and Y. P. E. Convention

The Ranger district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was held at the Ranger Church of God, Dec. 7, 8. Our state superintendent Brother G. W. Lane, was in charge.

Saturday night the program opened with concert prayer. Afterwards a number of good songs were directed by Brother John Moore, the Strawn pastor, and the power began to fall. A dialog was given by the Ranger Y. P. E. We had prayer by Vernell Cazee. We were then favored with several specials by the Strawn quartet. The personnel of this quartet is: Sisters Ruth Messimer, state secretary of Sunday School and Y. P. E., Virginia Messimer, Mary Messimer and Pearl Moore, the pastor's wife. Sister Moore gave us a talk on "The Greatest Need of Y. P. E.," followed by a talk by Mary Messimer on "Our Motto." Sister Pennington spoke on "Why We Need A Y. P. E." The writer gave a scripture reading followed by a message by Brother Moore. This closed the Saturday night program.

Sunday morning the first on program, to our surprise, was our dear state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne, who came by on his way to the South Plains and gave us a short message from 1 Cor. 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God." My, how we do love our state overseer, for he is true blue Church of God, and that is what Texas stands for, the old original Church of God. A talk on "What I Owe to Sunday School," by Sister Ruth Messimer was followed by a talk by Brother Messimer on "My Love for Sunday School." "The Results of an Active Sunday School" was given by Sister Alexander, leader at Desdemona, after which dinner was spread on the ground.

In the afternoon our state superintendent gave us a good talk on the state work. The writer talked on "Benefit of Sunday School." Imogene Brown gave a reading, followed by a talk by Brother Winnegar on "Who Should Attend Sunday School."

We had specials by different quartets throughout the convention which were enjoyed very much. Some of the Breckenridge saints were present. Brother E.

M. Smith who is conducting a revival at Breckenridge gave a good talk on the "Sunday School and Y. P. E. Work."

All went home feeling a greater responsibility for the work and a greater determination to lift the Church of God higher in Texas. A nice offering was taken for the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. president, Brother G. W. Lane. Come on, Texas, let's stand by our state superintendent with your financial support.—As ever your brother in Christ, L. C. Pennington, district pastor.

CORRECTIONS

We noticed a few weeks ago an article in the paper about us and our work the last few years. We want to say that we thank each one for the nice things they have said, while we don't feel worthy of any praise although we did our best to work for the interest of the orphanage and Church in the past. Now that we are not there any more, we want the people to know we are still deeply interested in the work and its growth, and anything we can do to further its progress we are standing ready to do.

We noticed in the reading of the above mentioned article that there are some corrections we would like to make, as the ones who wrote didn't know exactly. One was that the cows had grown in number from six to thirty odd. At the time of the writing we had around thirty cows and calves but were milking only eighteen. Also, instead of 1,466 half gallons of fruit, it was 1,466 half gallons, quarts, and pints. On account of the dry weather here the past year there wasn't as much of anything raised as in previous years, although we did have more land in cultivation than before. We have been having corn to do us in the past but don't know yet how much they will have this time, but we are sure there won't be as much as last year.

Now come on, folks, let's help make this work grow, with our finance and prayers for the workers in charge.—L. C. Chambers and wife.

New Y. P. E. Shining

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—Dear Christian friends, if you want to enjoy a blessing from the Lord, come to Whiteside, Tenn. God is blessing. We closed a revival here in September. About thirty were saved, some sanctified and about fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. We organized a Y. P. E. with thirty members and now we have about seventy. The writer is president. Our Y. P. E. service is held from six until seven o'clock each Sunday evening. We have a string band and every one seems to be interested. Pray for us.—Albert Johnson.

NOTICES

The church at McColl, S. C., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Effie Jacobs, Susie Sweet, Jane Brigman, Lillie Mandel, and Sister Wooten. If not heard from by next conference, which will be the second Saturday night in January, their names will be dropped from the roll.—W. F. Patterson, Box 426, McColl, S. C.

To the Sunday Schools in Mississippi: Brother A. J. Gardner of 408 Elizabeth Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss., is appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools. Every pastor please see that your Sunday School reports the first month in the new year. Let us start right this year. Just a postal card giving attendance for the month is all that is necessary. Sister Ora Mae Ruff is state evangelist and Sister Mava Morgan state Y. P. E. president.—In the Master's service, T. M. McClelland, overseer of Mississippi.

The Church of God at Greenwood, S. C., would like to learn of the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sarah Jeffcoats, Maggie Young, James McGee, and Essie McGee. If not heard from before our next conference, their names will be dropped from our church roll.—Holley Smith, clerk, 102 Bailey St., Greenwood, S. C.

To the Church of God Sunday Schools and churches of the Mingo-Wayne district:

(1) I am looking forward to the appointment of a Sunday School representative for each local church, to be appointed for a period of one year, and whose chief duty will be to organize and look after the interest of the Sunday Schools in his particular community.

(2) At the end of each quarter send me the average attendance of your Sunday School for the quarter and the cash on hand at the end of the quarter. (This means after payment has been deducted and sent for your new literature.)

(3) All orders for new literature must be mailed out on the 15th of the third month of each quarter so as to allow ample time for its arrival. In case the 15th falls on Sunday, the order may be sent out on the following Monday.

(4) All Sunday Schools in the Mingo-Wayne district, including yours, will be classified at the end of each quarter, on a rating sheet which I have in my possession and which is so arranged as to show the comparative rating of each Sunday School. The rating in our district will extend somewhere between 1 and 20, and,

of course, No. 1 will be the best, No. 2 the next best, No. 3 third best, and so on.

(5) Your rating will be based on your average attendance and your cash on hand at the end of the quarter as shown by your quarterly report to me.

(6) Your average attendance is obtained by adding together the number of folks present for all the Sundays in the quarter and then dividing it by the number of Sundays in the quarter.

(7) At the close of each quarter and immediately after all reports have come to me, showing the average attendance and the finance on hand, then I shall gladly notify you of your rating in comparison with the other Sunday Schools in your district. Strive to make your rating as near No. 1 as possible, by keeping a good attendance and a good balance in your treasury at the end of the quarter, after having ordered your new literature.

(8) All Sunday School officials and teachers should be Christians and elected or re-elected at the beginning of each new quarter.

(9) All projects for the building up of your Sunday School should be of a Christian nature, directed by Christian persons, and its participants should dress in a Christian way.

(10) The first literature for newly organized Sunday Schools in new communities may be secured free from The Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

I am subject to visit your Sunday School at any time and when I can be of further assistance, kindly let me know.—Your brother in Christ, W. J. Johnson, Dist. Supt. of S. S.

The Church of God at Crichton, Ala., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Ethel Neese, Sister Mandy Short, Sister Amanda Whitehead, Sister Greathel Wells and Brother G. A. Wells. Please write at once to Walter Broadus, clerk, Crichton, Ala.

Any one wishing our services, please write me at my home address, Altamont, Mo. For reference, write the overseer of Missouri.—A. Hoskins.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of North Carolina: Most all schools made good in November but several failed to report. Some have failed for six months. Your record looks bad on the large 144-page ledger. Some say they can't understand how to do. Just send your district superintendent a card at the last of each month, stating your total attendance. If you don't know his address, send it to me. The Sunday School banner goes to Brother G. C. Smith, pastor, Bessemer City. They have had a gain of 85 per cent. Next is Sister Lindsay of Lexington,

with a gain of 67 per cent. As to the Y. P. E. banner, Brother Jack Swift, pastor, Candler, N. C., gets it with a gain of 435, the best in the State. Next is Sister Lindsay, trying to get that one also, with a gain of 28 1-3 per cent. So please report at the last of each month.—C. M. Dunn, State Supt. of S. S. and Y. P. E. Treas., 33 Montana Ave., West Asheville, N. C.

To the pastors of southeast Louisiana district: Our goal this year is to be 100 per cent loyal to the Church's teachings, pay balance on general indebtedness, pay 10c per member for aged ministers, quota for missions, a Sunday School in every church, reporting monthly, a Y. P. E. in every church. We don't mean to stop at our quota for missions. We are doing our best to double our quota. We'll do it at Shepherd's Fold. You can depend on that. Each member pays 5c per month. That means we'll double our mission quota. Pastors, if you'll keep it before the church, they can do this and not hurt anybody. That's a small amount to raise. We have a widow without any support, who has already paid her quota in full. Shame on the rest of us! To the pastor who raises the most mission money, over and above his quota, I'll give a free subscription to the Evangel at the close of the Assembly year.—J. B. Cole, district pastor.

To the Sunday Schools in Louisiana: I appeal to the superintendents to please send us your monthly reports not later than the 15th of each month because we are to award the banner by the 10th. If your school should have the greatest increase and you are late with your report, you lose the banner. Pastors, if you have no Sunday School, won't you please organize one at once? Our goal is a Sunday School in every church. Will you help us stir the interest in Sunday School? It's easy to report each month. You are furnished report cards all filled out with questions. Just answer those questions, put a one cent stamp on the card, address it to the state superintendent, and mail. Be loyal, send your report each month. This is a ruling of the Assembly. If your superintendent doesn't have enough interest in Sunday School to report each month, elect a new one. Superintendents, wake up, let's go. Can I depend on you?—J. B. Cole, State Supt., Covington, La.

The Church of God at West Green wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Lorene Tyndall, J. H. Davis, Bertha Lee McKinney, Blanche England, Louise Carlock, Sallie Ann Ellis, and James F. Anderson. If not heard from within thirty days

their names will be dropped from the roll.—Pennie Courson, clerk, West Green, Ga.

To the ministers and churches in Georgia, greetings. As I was selected treasurer of the state headquarters fund, I take this means of letting you know how we stand. We now have on deposit \$195.90, leaving us \$479.10 to raise before we can close the deal for the land. Come on, let's put it over the top. The church at Thomaston was the first to send in their full quota. Remember, each minister is to pay \$5.00 and each church is to raise 10c per member. Please let me hear from you soon.—Graham Oglesby, Box 487, Macon, Ga.

Some time ago The Evangel carried an article of mine titled "Let's Walk With God" in which I overlooked giving my address. Since then I have noticed request for same, which is 214 West Oak Street, Palestine, Texas. I shall be glad to hear from any brother or sister who loves the Lord and is willing to go all the way with Him. If you are on fire for God and willing to suffer the loss of all things that you may win Christ, write me for I love your souls. Or, if you are weak and need help but are willing to go with Him thru the "Garden," write, it may be I can help you.—Your brother and servant in the Lord, E. E. Starr.

To the Church of God Y. P. E. (colored): By request I call your attention to the special notice in the Evangel of Nov. 23, to the presidents, that at the next General Assembly there would be a National Banner for the Y. P. E., and that the largest number of Lighted Pathways sold, according to membership, will feature in this contest. In other words, if you have twenty-four members in your local church and you create sufficient interest that each one can be a subscriber for the Lighted Pathway, you will be entitled to the National Banner more so than a church with one hundred members and only ninety-five subscribers. The plan is that each Y. P. E. report each month to your state president and he keeps a record of the work until the close of the year when he sends it to the Publishing Committee and they will decide which state is the winner.

Also, we request all overseers and pastors of the Church of God (colored) to assist us in this special drive as the Auditorium is under construction, the walls are up but we are in dire need of finance to complete the same. We would like very much to have it ready for the Twelfth Annual Assembly convening April 13, 1936, D. V. Therefore, I appeal to each pastor to raise in large churches from \$30.00 up and small churches, from

\$15.00 up, in proportion to your membership. All finance raised for the above is to be sent to C. F. Bright, 2346 Dennis St., Jacksonville, Fla., the following day. With best wishes for a successful drive, and wishing you the season's compliments, I remain, J. H. Curry, overseer.

(This notice reached us too late for the last issue, Dec. 21.)

17th Philadelphia (colored), Sarah Oliver, 1860 N. Davin St., Philadelphia, is under the white work.—C. H. Blankenship, overseer.

The Church of God at Baxley, Ga., wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sisters Addie Lee Sapp, Mary Mullis, J. S. White, Lucy Turner, Gene Turner, Pina Lee McDonald. We have not heard from most of these in a year and therefore ask them to report within the next two months.—J. A. Hipps, pastor; Mrs. B. F. Willard, clerk.

Inasmuch as I have been appointed district evangelist and also district Y. P. E. superintendent, I am requesting that every Y. P. E. president on the War, W. Va. district please let me hear from you as I want to make some arrangements for our district Y. P. E. convention, the date to be announced later. I am now in a revival at War and God is blessing. Pray for our success.—Yours in His service, Carl Campbell, Box 182, War, W. Va.

To the Sunday Schools in Tennessee, greetings in Jesus' name. The yuletide season is past and a new year confronts us. I wonder if every member in The Church of God in Tennessee (pastors, superintendents, secretaries, and teachers in particular) would include in their New Year's resolutions to be a progressive Sunday School booster throughout the year. The results would be the greatest year for the Sunday School work that Tennessee has even known. To be a 100 per cent church member includes adherence to the teachings of the Assembly concerning this important Christian work, so come on, members, make your vow to God and let's make Tennessee Sunday Schools second to none.

Concerning method of reporting. As you all know, it is a teaching of the Assembly that the secretary of each school should report their monthly average to the state superintendent and a banner be awarded to the Sunday School showing the largest gain. There are eighty-seven Sunday Schools in Tennessee and only twenty-nine reported for November, a little more than one-third. Awake, thou that sleepest, and make your report and send it in before the 15th of next month, which will help to make your church loyal in all things. Some sent their report

after the 15th, which made them ineligible for the banner. I have sent report cards to fifty-seven of the eighty-seven churches in Tennessee and at present I don't have any more cards. I intend to have more printed and will mail them to the churches that haven't received any cards yet. You fifty-seven churches be sure and report every month. Be not slothful in business.

To the district Sunday School superintendents: Brethren, make your plans for your district convention and let me know about them so that in arranging my work there will be no conflicts. I will do my best to attend the district conventions if possible. I say again, Be loyal and let's do our best.—Woodrow C. Byrd, State S. S. Supt., B. T. S., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Lord Blessing in Ohio

The work is moving along nicely in Ohio, for which we thank the Lord. As we visit the districts our hearts are made to rejoice as we see how God is blessing. Both the district and local pastors seem encouraged with their work. There are good revival meetings in different parts of the state. We also thank the Lord for the love, unity and co-operation of the ministers.

We would not fail to mention our young people, for they are doing a good work, and the Lord is blessing their efforts that are being put forth for the promotion of His cause. Like Nehemiah and his people of old, they have a mind to work. We were much impressed while at Middletown, when the pastor of the church told us of how the young ladies of the Y. P. E. would meet together and pray all night. The churches at Hamilton, Cincinnati, Akron, and other places also have fine bands of young people on fire for the Lord and are working faithfully with their pastors in the interest of the Church and Y. P. E.

Mrs. Bessie Suit, 32 State St., Struthers, Ohio, has recently been appointed State Superintendent of the Y. P. E. I am asking that the Y. P. E. secretary of each local Endeavor send his or her report to her the first of each month.

To the district and local pastors: I am asking you to please study the 1935 Minutes of the Assembly. Note the rulings and act accordingly. Come on, let us be loyal, and go over the top with every financial obligation that the Assembly has placed upon us for this year.—E. Haynes, overseer of Ohio.

Nothing could happen that would mean so much to the world and church as for all Christians to become awakened to their great responsibility of saving the world for Christ by taking the gospel to every creature on earth.

Receiving Wonderful Blessings

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. We thank God for Brother and Sister Harold R. Pelton and little son. They came here Nov. 7th and started a revival which lasted until Dec. 1st. Four were saved, four sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We haven't had our baptismal service yet but we're expecting to soon, with some to be added to the church. Brother and Sister Pelton certainly are live wires for God. We wanted to keep them longer but duty called them elsewhere. When Bro. Pelton came here he found the church in good spirit for a revival. God blessed from the beginning. Brother Pelton surely delivered some wonderful messages and his dear wife sang some wonderful soul-stirring songs. They are both young and willing to work for God. Any one desiring a good evangelist and singer will do well to get Brother and Sister H. R. Pelton.

The last night of the revival we had communion and feet washing. The church was filled and of course there were some signs there also. God blessed in such a marvelous way people just sat like little hungry robins with their mouths open, and as on the day of Pentecost some said, "These people act just like drunk folks." Saints of God were shouting and dancing from the pulpit to the door. Sinners sat on their seats and cried while some honest hearts fell in the altar and cried unto the Lord to have mercy on their souls.

As the service came to a close and most every one were outside the church, some beginning to get into their cars, the power of God fell on some one and they began to talk in tongues and dance up and down the road in front of the church. They had to lift one brother and put him into the car. He shouted and praised God all the way home. Well, it truly is wonderful what the Lord will do for us if we will just let Him.

I am so glad the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isa. 59:1. He said in Psa. 50:15, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Surely if there was ever a day of trouble, it is the day we are living in now and it surely takes real praying to keep victory. Sometimes I get homesick and feel like saying as John the Revelator did, Even so come Lord Jesus.

All who read this please pray for us here. The devil has been after us ever since we built this church here, but we don't intend to run when the battle gets hot. Then is the time to get like the farmer's old mule, get established in our tracks and not move till we hear that

still small Voice say, "It is enough," for if God is for us who can be against us.—Mrs. Noble Stern, Myersdale, Pa.

Great Revival Held at Schoolfield, Va.

Brother I. H. Brabson started a revival at Schoolfield about Thanksgiving. About a week later Brother D. L. Robinson from Norfolk came along. He surely could preach the Word of God, and my, how the Lord did bless. Brother Robinson is a man of God. I believe there is more unity here at this church than there has been in a long time.

On Sunday, Dec. 15th, Brother J. L. Dorman, the state overseer, came along from Roanoke. He surely preached the Word with power. He is a man of God and has the work at heart. I believe he is the man for the state this year. I ask all who read this to pray for me, I want to live for the Lord more in 1936 than I ever have.—Your brother, K. J. Burchett, Schoolfield, Va.

EDITORIALS

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more, as in the times when Egypt and Babylon used its routes for their various warlike or peaceful purposes, Palestine has become a link in broader communications than between Dan and Beersheba, or Joppa and Rabboth-Ammon. It has been found of inestimable service as a halt on the highway to the Far East for land and air; to its Mediterranean coastline stretches a long oil pipe-line from a hinterland of vast, untapped resources; to its south lies the Suez Canal, most prized of international shortcuts; and from its radial influence there is encompassed a wide circumference of populations. And yet, in spite of these modern political and universal considerations of tactics, it continues to be cherished among millions as the source of their religious beliefs, their concepts of ethics, their codes of morality: as the Holy Land.

Also brought into new prominence are Babylon and Nineveh. A kingdom has been created in Iraq (Babylonia). Hillah, in the midst of ancient Babylon, is a fast and growing city. Monsui, or Nineveh, holds place in the public press, but not yet have either reached the zenith of their predicted state of unsurpassed magnificence. These places will shortly be linked up by a railroad connecting Bagdad and the port of Haifa. The British Government has decided to build this line; a survey of the country is in progress with this in view. A pipe line runs alongside the rail, to carry oil from Iraq to the sea at Haifa. Thus Haifa affords direct access to the fields of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16), where the

Beast of Revelation 13 will muster the armies of the ten kingdoms for his final expedition in defense of Babylon. It appears that he will be diverted to make his last assault on Jerusalem—and to his doom.

The Manchester Guardian says:—"Special facilities are given by the Iraq railways to enable travellers to visit the ancient cities of Ur of the Chaldees, Babylon, and Kish."

Then we read almost daily of Mussolini's plan for a revived Roman Empire. Stranger still, Ethiopia has leaped to the front and we read of the transporting of the Ark of the Covenant. Mussolini has launched an aggressive war with Ethiopia, in violation of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Kellogg Pact, world opinion, and the warning voice of prophetic Scripture!

From prophecy it appears that Ethiopia will have separate independence in the time of the end, as a nation outside the Ten Kingdom area; but that the Antichrist will seek to extend his conquests world-wide, and fail at that point. However, he will succeed in mastering Ethiopia to this extent, that he will obtain economic control over her; the merchandise of Ethiopia shall be "at his steps" (Dan. 11:43). The context of Dan. 11 would lead one to expect that, unable to hold his prey, he turns back to Palestine to meet and resist the "Kings from the East." These things, however, are related to the latter days of the Great Tribulation.

We believe that if Italy gains any victory in Ethiopia, it will be temporary. The late B. W. Newton wrote some years ago in his "European Prospects": "I hold strongly the opinion that we are drawing so near to the end as to make it hazardous for any country or ruler to resolve on carrying out any scheme of policy or of conquest that would render the development of the Ten Kingdoms in the appointed manner impracticable. If there be now any country or ruler that aspires to universal empire, or if there should be in any mind in France, Russia, or elsewhere, the thought of establishing an Empire in the West in conjunction with another in the East, after the manner of the later Emperors of Rome; or if anyone should attempt in any country of the Roman world to annihilate constitutional principles where they already exist, or to exclude them from such parts of the Roman World as they have not yet penetrated . . . they who obstinately pursue any of these plans will meet, I believe with marked, and perhaps disastrous failure."

Would it not be a mercy if Mussolini knew the prophetic Word and could see the futility of trying to bring Ethiopia into the Roman Empire?

RESOLUTION DAY

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heart and I believe in the Church with her rules and regulations that are to be used to help her members to be loyal and true and in a spiritual way to deepen them into God, but I fear that many are losing sight of love service without which our lives are a failure. 1 Cor. 13:8, "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." Now the thought is here that love rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth. Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love will help us to overcome and be just as happy in the Lord as though the hard trials had never come our way, and we can live just as sweetly under the shadow of His wing as if they had never happened.

Think of the marvelous and blessed things without number that God has prepared for us, that we can have through faith that worketh by love. We cannot afford to do without them, therefore we must pray and believe and work with all our might until we gain the victory that is necessary to help us overcome. It is easy to love some people but when we are confronted with those who seem to carelessly tantalize and work against what we actually believe to be the best interest of all concerned, then we have a test of love. It is easy to quote the Scriptures and admonish people to put it into practice but there is always two sides to every question. In my early Christian experience I knew what it was to love everybody, I knew what it was to trust God when I was sick. I knew what it was to have victory for healings. I knew what it was to fill a humble place and be contented with such, but as years have increased new trials and new obligations have confronted me and I find that I need more grace to overcome.

We read Jesus' account to His followers, how He led them in that simple way, into the very light and blessings that He would have them have and in His ways of teaching them impressed upon them so many good lessons of self-denial. Also He taught them how to honor others and so many good things that we can read today that will be a help to us if we will only take time to read them. I feel that we have never been confronted in all Christianity with such perils as are before us today. When we think about the opposition to religion and see the workings of the enemy and the fulfillment of prophecy, it is very alarming indeed. Sometimes I can hardly believe that such things are so near fulfillment as they are. May God help every one to double his

diligence, awake out of slothfulness and redeem the time while we have opportunity.

It has been prophesied that 1936 will be a year of many disasters and fulfillment of prophecy, wars and many things prophesied in the Bible that should happen in the last days. Come, let us enter upon this new year's work as though it were the last year, and I am sure it will be for many. May God bless every one and help us to be faithful and true and be ready for Jesus when He comes.

MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE THAT ARE REALITIES

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his wife, and they two shall be one flesh," Eph. 5:31. The word "join" here carries with it the thought, to associate one's self to; to be or become connected with; to unite with; to adjoin. To every fair mind this scripture needs no further comment to prove that we are not born into the Church. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Acts 2:47.

The next passage we want to look at reads like this, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit," 1 Cor. 12:13. This verse explains itself. Jew, Gentile, African, Indian, Chinaman, or whoever comes to the knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ, are in this body of believers, but there are untold numbers who are believers and not in THE CHURCH.

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one FOLD, and one shepherd." John 10:16. I know there are some who will say this had reference to Israel. But we just step back to the ninth verse and read "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." This shows that it was not only to Israel but to ANY MAN.

"This is a great MYSTERY but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Here the Master shows that in his mind there is to be one FOLD, but we hear some one say, "Now you are trying to leave us all out." No, no, we are trying to get you all in, but we did not make the way and we cannot change the way. Let us see about the way.

"My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Song of Solomon 6:9, 10. The wise man here takes the woman or lover

to show the Church, and asks, WHO IS SHE? "THE CHURCH OF GOD."

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN," Jer. 6:16. If we are going to continue in the apostles' doctrine, let us hold it high. It never has been popular but it has always been Biblical. Thank God, it stood the test in their day, it will stand the test now. It is a REALITY. All these years The Church of God has stood for the apostles' doctrine and firmly taught that we are added to the CHURCH. God has blessed in a great way and many have testified that their being added to the Church was just as real as their experiences of salvation. Are we going to lift our anchor, cut our shore lines, and drift with the tide in order to have favor with this loose-leaf stuff? Let me hear the shout of every true blue Church of God member—NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO. Brethren, when we lift our anchor and cut our shore lines we will drift onto the rocks marked A-P-O-S-T-A-S-Y.

SEARCH, ETERNAL LIFE, TESTIFY

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grows and languages are spoken. Peter, in his testimony, "Thou art the Christ, was prompted and led by the Spirit. Think of this never-ending testimony of a so-called ignorant Galilean.

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